



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 10, 1999

Mr. Benjamin L. Ginsberg, Esquire
Mr. Donald F. McGahn, II, Esquire
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RE: MUR 4800
The Honorable Nick Smith
Nick Smith for Congress
F. Robert Lally, Treasurer

Dear Messrs. Ginsberg and McGahn:

On September 1, 1998, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against your clients. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 10, 1999.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Turley".

F. Andrew Turley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment
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